

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S14237–S14351**

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2334–2348, S.J. Res. 24, and S. Res. 375–377. **Pages S14284–85**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2338, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to more effectively reach underserved borrowers. (S. Rept. No. 110–227)

S. 2345, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to extend the financing for the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. (S. Rept. No. 110–228)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Oklahoma Statehood Centennial:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 377, recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood. **Page S14349**

#### Measures Considered:

**Farm Bill Extension Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14254–73**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14254**

Reid (for Dorgan/Grassley) Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increased funding for certain programs. **Page S14254**

Reid Amendment No. 3509 (to Amendment No. 3508), to change the enactment date. **Page S14254**

Reid Amendment No. 3510 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3500), to change the enactment date. **Page S14254**

Reid Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3510), to change the enactment date. **Page S14254**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3512. **Page S14254**

Reid Amendment No. 3512 (to the instructions of the motion to commit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions), to change the enactment date. **Page S14254**

Reid Amendment No. 3513 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date. **Page S14254**

Reid Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3513), to change the enactment date. **Page S14254**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. **Page S14351**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 86 yeas (Vote No. EX. 408), Robert M. Dow, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **Pages S14238–40, S14349, S14351**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S14282**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S14282**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S14282**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S14281–82**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S14301–48**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S14348–49**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S14349**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—408) **Pages S14239–40**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. (For Senate's program, see

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the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14351.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FTC TAR AND NICOTINE CIGARETTE RATING SYSTEM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the accuracy of the Federal Trade Commission on the tar and nicotine cigarette rating system, after receiving testimony from William E. Kovacic, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Cathy Backinger, Acting Chief, Tobacco Control Research Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, and David Ashley, Chief, Emergency Response and Air Toxicants Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Jonathan M. Samet, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Department of Epidemiology, Baltimore, Maryland; Jack E. Henningfield, Pinney Associates, Bethesda, Maryland; Marvin E. Goldberg, Penn State University Smeal College of Business, University Park, Pennsylvania; and Stephen A. Sheller, Sheller, P.C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND RECLAMATION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (Public Law 95-87), focusing on policy issues thirty years after its enactment, after receiving testimony from Brent Wahlquist, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Gregory E. Conrad, Interstate Mining Compact Commission, Herndon, Virginia; Joanna Prukop, New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Santa Fe; Arvin Trujillo, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Harold P. Quinn, Jr., National Mining Association, and Joan Mulhern, Earthjustice, both of Washington, D.C.; Bill Banig, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Cindy Rank, West Virginia Highlands Conservancy, Rock Cave.

### AMERICA'S CLIMATE SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee continued hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, receiving testimony from David L. Greene, Corporate Fellow, Oak Ridge National Laboratory Engineering Science and Tech-

nology Division, Department of Energy; Robert C. Baugh, AFL-CIO Industrial Union Council and AFL-CIO Energy Task Force, David Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Climate Center, and Andrew G. Sharkey, III, American Iron and Steel Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donald R. Rowlett, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (OGE) Energy Corporation, Oklahoma City.

Hearings recessed until Thursday, November 15.

### INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine international climate change negotiations, focusing on restoring United States leadership, after receiving testimony from Paula J. Dobriansky, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs; former Senator Timothy E. Wirth, United Nations Foundation, and Jonathan Pershing, World Resources Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Sandor, Chicago Climate Exchange, Chicago, Illinois.

### U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the human capital needs of a United States Customs and Border Protection initiative, focusing on border security, and progress and weaknesses in traveler inspections at our nation's ports of entry, after receiving testimony from Paul M. Morris, Executive Director, Admissibility and Passenger Programs, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, Washington, D.C.

### PUBLIC PERFORMANCE RIGHTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the scope of public performance rights, after receiving testimony from Lyle Lovett, musicFIRST Coalition, Nashville, Tennessee; Steven M. Newberry, Commonwealth Broadcasting Corporation, Glasgow, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Dan DeVany, WETA, Arlington, Virginia; and Alice Peacock, Chicago, Illinois.

### SBA: LENDING AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine